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DCS AND NAVCOMMSTA GREECE

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SUMMARY: AFTER DEBRIEF WITH CALOGERAS, GREEK TELECOMMUNICATIONS NEGOTIATING TEAM REQUESTED LOWER RANGE LF BROADCAST FROM NAVCOMMSTA GREECE AND SOONEST POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENTS. EMBASSY UNDERTOOK TO PASS ON LF BROADCAST TO GREEK TELECOMMUNICATIONS NEGOTIATING TEAM.
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TION OF AGREEMENTS. EMBASSY UNDERTOOK TO PASS ON LF

REQUEST AND TO RECOMMEND FORMULATION OF MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING, WHICH, IT INFORMED GREEKS, SHOULD PRECEDE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. REFTELS TRANSMITTED TEXTS OF DRAFT MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING INTENDED TO RECORD AGREEMENTS REACHED DURING NEGOTIATIONS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUBGROUP, WHICH COMPLETED ITS TASKS OCTOBER 8. THESE MOU WERE DRAFTED BY US NEGOTIATING TEAM IN ANTICIPATION OF POSSIBLE GREEK DESIRE TO IMPLEMENT SOON AGREEMENTS WHICH WOULD BE RECORDED THEREIN. FACT THAT US DELEGATION CONTEMPLATED MOU WAS NOT MADE KNOWN TO GREEK SIDE.

2. ON OCTOBER 14, COL. VINYOS, HAF, TELEPHONED POL/MIL OFFICER TO SEEK MEETING TO DISCUSS IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENTS, NOTING IN DOING SO THAT HIS DESIRE FOR MEETING RESULTED FROM REACTION OF AMB. CALOGERAS TO REPORT BY GREEK TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUBGROUP NEGOTIATING TEAM. IN ENSUING MEETING, COL. VINYOS, COL. SPYROU AND CMDR. DIMITRIADIS REPORTED ON THEIR OCTOBER 11 DEBRIEF WITH AMB CALOGERAS. CALOGERAS WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN SATISFIED IN GENERAL WITH THE RESULTS, BUT IN COMMENTING ON THE AGREEMENTS, AND IN RESPONSE TO TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT GIVEN BY GREEK NEGOTIATORS, HE INSTRUCTED THE LATTER TO SEEK ACCESS TO A LOWER LF CHANNEL THAN 148.5 KHZ. CMDR. DIMITRIADIS POINTED OUT THAT HN CURRENTLY USES LF CHANNELS IN 100-110 KHZ RANGE AND THAT MASTER RADIO FREQUENCY LIST (MRFL) MAINTAINED BY ALLIED RADIO FREQUENCY AGENCY (ARFA) SHOWS UNITED STATES USING FREQUENCIES IN 33 KHZ AND 50 KHZ RANGES, WHICH HE PRESUMED WERE UTILIZED FROM NAVCOMMSTA GREECE. DIMITRIADIS NOTED THAT THE LOWER FREQUENCIES WOULD BE MORE PROMISING FOR HN USE, AND GREEK TEAM ASKED THAT US NAVY RE-EXAMINE LF POSITION TO SEE IF A MORE DESIRABLE FREQUENCY MIGHT NOT BE AVAILABLE. POL/MIL OFFICER REFERRED TO POSSIBLE DIFFICULTY HN MIGHT HAVE IN COPYING INDIVIDUAL SIGNAL FROM MULTIPLEXED BROADCAST AND ASKED IF THIS WOULD NOT BE A MAJOR OBSTACLE WHATEVER LF FREQUENCY MIGHT BE USED. DIMITRIADIS REPLIED THAT HN WISHES TO TEST POSSIBILITY OF LOWER-RANGE LF BROADCAST AND INDICATED THAT HN DESIRED TO GAIN EXPERIENCE

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WITH MULTIPLEX, WHICH THEY FORSAW NEED TO ACQUIRE IN FUTURE YEARS. POL/MIL OFFICER UNDERTOOK TO RELAY REQUEST BUT REITERATED HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT LF CAPABILITY VIRTUALLY FULLY UTILIZED IN MEETING US NAVY REQUIREMENTS.

3. GREEK TEAM THEN REPORTED THAT CALOGERAS MADE A PARTICULAR POINT OF THEIR SEEKING SOONEST POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENTS. POL/MIL OFFICER OBSERVED

THAT WHILE US AGENCIES WISHED TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE, IT PROBABLY WOULD BE TO ADVANTAGE OF BOTH SIDES TO RECORD AGREEMENTS IN SOME DOCUMENT WHICH WOULD GIVE BOTH SIDES BASIS ON WHICH TO ACT. HE BELIEVED THAT SEPARATE MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING ON NAVCOMMSTA AND DCS MIGHT BE BEST WAY TO PROCEED, AND OPINED THAT FIRST MIGHT BE SIGNED BY HN AND US NAVY REPS AND SECOND BY SHAFB AND EUCOM REPS. GREEKS READILY AGREED THAT MOUS WOULD BE EXCELLENT WAY OF RECORDING AGREEMENTS, BUT BELIEVED MOU ON DCS WOULD BE SIGNED BY HAF REP. POL/MIL OFFICER UNDERTOOK TO RECOMMEND FORMULATION OF APPROPRIATE MOUS AND, IN RESPONSE TO GREEK QUESTIONS, THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE US DRAFTS OF SUCH MOUS IN TWO OR THREE WEEKS.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY IS UNABLE TO COMMENT ON GREEK REQUEST FOR LOWER RANGE LF BROADCAST FACILITIES, BUT RECOMMENDS THAT MATTER BE CONSIDERED SYMPATHETICALLY. CALOGERAS CLEARLY SEES POLITICAL ADVANTAGE FOR GOG IN HAVING TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGREEMENTS IMPLEMENTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS POLITICAL ADVANTAGE WOULD REDOUND TO USG BENEFIT AS WELL. WITH THIS IN MIND, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS EXPEDITIOUS ACTION BE TAKEN TO APPROVE DRAFT MOUS PROVIDED IN REFTELS WITH WHATEVER CHANGES MIGHT BE REQUIRED.
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